

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 3-5, 7-9, 12, 13, 19 and 20 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has so amended the claims. In particular, applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include the subject matter of dependent claims 2 and 3, and canceled claims 2 and 3. Applicant has amended dependent claims 4, 7, 8 and 9 to depend from claim 1.

Applicant has amended independent claim 10 to include the subject matter of dependent claim 12, and canceled claim 12. Applicant has amended dependent claim 13 to depend from claim 10.

Applicant has amended independent claim 17 to include the subject matter of dependent claims 18 and 19, and canceled claims 18 and 19. Applicant has amended dependent claim 20 to depend from claim 17.

As such, previously pending claims 1, 4-11, 13-17, and 20 are believed in condition for allowance.

Applicant has added new claims 21-30 which are based on applicant's corresponding European patent application and claim similar subject matter to the allowable claims in the present application. Applicant respectfully requests these new claims be considered and allowed.

No fee is believed due. However, if additional fees are believed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-0258 of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP.

If questions remain regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (206) 757-8133.

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